

ney, was deferred on account of his illness. The need of more help in supplying guides was presented by Mr. Eugene Smith.

The following special committees were appointed:

An auditing committee, to consider the accounts of the treasurer, consisting of Dr. Britton and Dr. Small.

A committee of ways and means to promote the usefulness of the Club by increase of membership in the city and among non-resident botanists, and to increase the subscription list of our three publications. On motion of Dr. Underwood, the editor, treasurer, recording secretary, and the two vice-presidents were appointed as this committee.

The session was closed by the annual election. Several changes in the official board were made necessary by the death of vice-president Allen, the departure of the editor, Dr. Underwood, on his sabbatical leave, and the resignation of the secretary, E. S. Burgess, on account of pressure of work. The following officers were elected: *President*, Hon. Addison Brown; *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. H. H. Rusby, Professor E. S. Burgess; *Treasurer*, Professor F. E. Lloyd; *Recording Secretary*, Professor F. S. Earle; *Corresponding Secretary*, Dr. J. K. Small; *Editor*, Dr. John H. Barnhart; *Associate Editors*, Dr. N. L. Britton, Dr. T. E. Hazen, Dr. M. A. Howe, Dr. D. T. MacDougal, Dr. W. A. Merrill, Dr. H. M. Richards, Miss Anna Murray Vail.

Adjournment followed upon this election.

EDWARD S. BURGESS,  
*Secretary.*

## CORRESPONDENCE

The *Connecticut Botanical Society* was organized in New Haven, January 24, 1903, with an initial membership of thirty-one ladies and gentlemen interested in the flora of the State.

The officers of the Society are: *President*, Professor A. W. Evans; *Vice-President*, Dr. C. B. Graves; *Recording Secretary* and *Treasurer*, Dr. E. H. Eames; *Corresponding Secretary*, Mr. E. B. Harger, Oxford, Conn.

Mr. Harger read an interesting paper on "November Wild Flowers," followed at the afternoon session, by Mr. M. L. Fernald, "On the Geographic Distribution of certain New England Plants," which was carefully illustrated by numerous herbarium specimens, and a paper by Mr. W. E. Britton, "Notes on the Flora of the North Haven Plains," which was aided by photographs.

A work undertaken by this Society is the preparation of an accurate list of the flora of the State, to accomplish which, in part, a committee on phaenogamous and vascular-cryptogamous plants was appointed. Another committee, for work upon the lower cryptogams, will be announced later.

The former committee consists of Dr. C. B. Graves, New London; Dr. E. H. Eames, Bridgeport; Mr. C. H. Bissell, Southington; Mr. L. Andrews, Southington; Mr. E. B. Harger, Oxford; and Mr. J. N. Bishop, Plainville.

The preparation of the flora would be made less difficult, if all who can supply specimens and information of value, will assist the committee as much as possible. To this end any member may be addressed, with the assurance that full credit will be given for all available material, together with the thanks of the Society, and of all who are interested.

E. H. EAMES, M.D.,  
*Secretary.*

BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT,  
February 1, 1903.

## NEWS ITEMS

Volume 2 of the Memoirs of the New York Botanical Garden, consisting of a monograph on "The Influence of Light and Darkness upon Growth and Development" by Dr. D. T. MacDougal, was issued on January 20. It is expected that a review notice of this work will appear in the March number of *TORREYA*.

"Additional Observations on the Strand Flora of New Jersey," is the title of a paper by Dr. John W. Harshberger, of the University of Pennsylvania, issued in December from the Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. This is supplementary to the author's "Ecological Study of the New Jersey Strand Flora," published in 1900.